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SUBJECT: CORTES CONSIDERATION OF US-SPANISH TREATY

1. IN MY MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA
JULY 20 HE TOLD ME THAT ON JULY 22 HE WOULD MEET WITH
THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSION OF THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF THE MOVEMENT(HE IS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE
COMMISSION) TO GIVE A GENERAL STATEMENT OF FOREIGN
POLICY. HE WOULD INCLUDE IN THAT STATEMENT
GENERAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE US SPANISH TREATY. OREJA
MADE A SOMEWHAT DISPARAGING REMARK ABOUT THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL BECAUSE OF ITS RIGHTIST MEMBERSHIP, BUT
ADDED THAT HE FELT HE HAD TO GO THROUGH THE
FORMALITY OF MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL.

2. ON FRIDAY JULY 23, HE WOULD FORMALLY PRESENT
THE TREATY TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSION OF
THE CORTES. FOLLOWING HIS PRESENTATION HE WOULD
THEN LEAVE THE MEETING AND ANY QUESTIONS WOULD BE
HANDLED BY ROVIRA, DURAN, AND POSSIBLY A MILITARY
REPRESENTATIVE. HE ANTICIPATED NO PARTICULAR
PROBLEM.

3. HE BELIEVED THAT ALL THE SPANISH FORMALITIES
WOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS
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AND SUGGESTED THAT THE EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF

RATIFICATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN SAN SEBASTIAN
WHERE OREJA WILL BE SPENDING MOST OF THE MONTH OF
AUGUST.

4. I TOLD OREJA THAT PENDING INSTRUCTIONS TO
THE CONTRARY I WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE
INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION IN SAN SEBASTIAN AND WE
TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE DONE SOME TIME DURING
THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF AUGUST AT A DATE TO BE
ESTABLISHED.
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